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MEMORANDUM TO Office of General Counsel

From: CSFD

Subject: Delegation of Travel Authority for OSO

- References:
1. [REDACTED] 25X1A
 2. Letter of Transmittal dated 20 May 1948, covering Special Funds Regulations, OSO, CIA, paragraph [REDACTED] 25X1A
 3. [REDACTED] Special Funds Regulations^o 25X1A
 4. [REDACTED] Special Funds Regulations / 25X1A
 5. [REDACTED] Special Funds Regulations.

1. The references set forth above all pertain to the authority to authorize and direct travel of OSO employees. Reference 1. is a cable from the Director, CIG, to Chiefs of Field Installations in which the authority is delegated to Chiefs of each mission or independent station to appoint and terminate civilian employees and consultants, to authorize the payment of quarters and cost of living allowances, to enter into contracts for the procurement of supplies, equipment, and information, and to approve temporary duty travel abroad within the theater. Reference 2. states that ADSO, DADSO, and EXO shall review and authorize in their discretion specific types of travel and the reimbursement of expenses in connection therewith, and the payment of quarters and cost of living allowances. Reference 3. defines officials authorized to approve travel as being: ADSO, DADSO, EXO, and Chiefs of Field Installations.

2. These references raise the following specific questions regarding travel authority:

- a. Do Chiefs of Field Installations have the authority to direct and authorize travel and to authorize a review of expenditures incurred in connection therewith.
- b. Is it necessary that the travel authorities defined in Reference 2 review the expenditures in connection with travel prior to payment. It is agreed that at their option they may review such expenditures but the query is as to whether there is any obligation on the part of the Special Funds Division to ascertain whether or not these travel authorities choose to exercise their option in each specific instance.
- c. Where travel authority is exercised by individuals designated as travel authorities in Reference 2, can Chiefs of Field

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Installations amend such travel orders exercising their possible authority as equivalent travel authority? Such amendments may involve excess baggage, authorization to travel by indirect route, authorization for leave or delay enroute.

3. It is requested that specific legal interpretations of these Regulations be provided Special Funds Division as soon as possible in order that it may properly interpret regulations in the performance of its assigned duties.

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